

Maryland

Voting is the cornerstone right of our democracy. You can only have your voice and your needs reflected in government if you vote. Pre-registration is an important tool that allows people younger than 18 to vote as soon as they are eligible.

- ✓ Maryland has pre-registration to vote starting at age 16.¹
- ✓ To pre-register, fill out the standard Maryland voter registration application [online](#).²
- ✓ You can also print out and mail a [registration form](#), or pick up one at local government offices, including the Motor Vehicle Administration and institutes of higher learning.
- ✓ You may register and vote on the same day during early voting if you provide proof of residency, but not on Election Day itself.³
- ✓ When you fill out the registration application, you will receive a Voter Notification Card within three weeks. You will be registered to vote, but will not be permitted to vote until you are at least 17 (see below).
- ✓ For full details, see the [Maryland Board of Elections Voter Registration](#) page. You can also check your [voter registration status](#) online.

Maryland does allow a registered 17 year-old to vote in the Primary Election, if the individual will be 18 years old on or before General Election. These 17 year-olds are entitled to vote for all partisan contests and for school board contests but not in a special election or municipal election.⁴

Maryland law does allow a minor who is at least 16 years-old and who is a registered voter to serve as an election judge (or election worker).⁵ A minor may be asked for parental permission.⁶

In the towns of Greenbelt (effective Feb. 27, 2018), Hyattsville, and Takoma Park, Maryland, voters age 16-18 can vote in municipal elections.⁷

For more information, see ACS's resources on [pre-registration](#) and [youth poll workers](#) in all 50 states. ACS encourages everyone to learn more about voter registration in their state. ACS is not a voter registration entity. This is simply an informational tool and is not intended, nor should it serve, as legal advice.

¹ Md. Code, Election Law § 3-102(a)(1)

² The online application is available in English and Spanish. You will be asked to provide a Maryland driver's license number or MVA ID Card number or the last four digits of your social security number. Your application will not be processed unless you provide this information or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that you do not have any of those forms of ID. In that case, you will need to complete the form by hand, sign it, and mail it to your [local board of elections](#).

³ Md. Code, Election Law § 3-305

⁴ Md. Code, Election Law § 3-102(a)(2) and Maryland Board of Elections, "[Voting Rights for 17 Year Olds](#)"

⁵ Md. Code, Election Law § 10-202(a)(2)(ii)

⁶ Maryland Board of Elections, "[Election Judges](#)"

⁷ Greenbelt [Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2017-1](#); [Hyattsville Code of Elections](#) §8-12(A); [Takoma Park Charter](#) Article VI §601(1)